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without difficulty. For some months too I was in the habit of recording my stories in Timne and making my own translation, appealing to my interpreter only occasionally.

I plead guilty to the charge that I do not understand the remaining languages illustrated in my specimens; I relied largely upon interpreters. I had already however been able in Nigeria to reproduce sentences with such accuracy as to be intelligible to others of the tribe besides my original informant; and I have, wherever possible, made revision of my linguistic material with independent spokesmen an habitual practice. Possibly therefore, even if Professor Starr's statement as to my ignorance were more correct than it really is, some value might attach to my records of native languages. I am at a loss to know why a phonetic transcription of simple sentences should appear to Professor Starr such a difficult matter except on the supposition that he has either never attempted similar work or has tried and failed.

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MOCCASINS: REPLY TO DR. HATT

MY "critical" remarks were made in as friendly and sincere a spirit as my "friendly" remarks. I would not offer criticism in any other way. Dr. Hatt (this volume, p. 112-115) has not invalidated the facts cited by me and running counter to his hypothesis, which was not clearly developed. The apology which he now offers for it was the very reason why I felt obliged to expose its defects. We have no right to express such an hypothesis without stating all the facts by which it is inspired, and Dr. Hatt himself is now compelled to admit that it was out of place. He cannot expect his readers to guess what he withholds from them, nor can he simply claim credit and credence for his theories by pointing to an arsenal of weapons hidden behind him and not yet examined by others. This procedure is unscientific and pernicious. For the rest, I have no objections if Dr. Hatt will hold on to his speculations, which in my opinion are ill founded. What I offered was some friendly and well-meant advice, and it is every one's perfect right to accept or to reject advice. I am not a missionary bent on making converts.

If I characterized the spelling "Chukchee" as a barbarism, this word was used, of course, in the sense of the Latinist who thus calls any offense against good usage or purity in questions of language, style, or orthography; it does not mean "barbaric" or anything of the sort. Dr. Hatt's outcry framed by quotation-marks is entirely uncalled for.

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